

The ladies-bless their hearts! "have been a popular masculine toast for some time-since, indeed, primitive days in that garden of Eden, where grew the fatal apple tree. Within the last quarter of a century, however, the genus man has begun to qualify his toast with a blessing on their minds, having had increasing reason, as the doors were opened more and more broadly to her effort, to respect it as a potent factor in the success of accustomed one hundred years ago to be the ductile creature of all the soft quals ties, and to be valued in proportion to her softness, has fulfilled Mrs. Browning's prophecy in "Aurora Leigh" and become "competent to spell." Recent telegraphic dispatches announced one of the latest and largest enterprises to whose rescue and largest enterprises to whose rescue
the women of the country have come
with a vigorous protest against failure.
This is the establishment in the city of
Washington of a great national university along the lines suggested by President Washington. The ladies who have
taken hold of the project belong to the class of workers in whose lexicon there is no such word as fail. They have made practical and rational beginning tion building, to form the nucleus of the university, and hope to be able to lay the corner-stone on February 21, 1889. Their purpose in the interim is to urge

Their purpose in the interim is to direct the matter continuously on the attention of women all over the country. They intend, likewise, to interest all the school children in the work. As a first step toward awakening interest in the under-taking, they will assemble in convention in Washington on December 14th, to de-cide on ways and means for arousing parkly sentiment.

With this in view Mrs. Susanna Pheips Gage, of Ithaca, N. Y., secretary of the George Washington Memorial Comm use, tents are as follows: n this early work of the commit ee,

pou the George Washington Memorini, effort is made to secure the co opers on of the great educational and patrio-corganizations of women, in order that, utilizing the forces already existen-ge, crail and effective movement may be

The facts which we would have known are these; that Washingtin by his will left a bequest of \$5,000 for the foundation of a national university; that the bequest would now equal nearly \$4,500,000 if cared for as he designated; that this bequest was allowed to lapse and that the need

cles, has the matter in charge and has repeatedly brought it before Congress The women of the country, recogniz-

ing the great obstacle to the friction of the work to be popular ignorance of his-toric fact, have set themselves to arouse interest in the bequest, and the purpose. To attain definite results, a definite am has been set. Therefore, the committee propose to raise \$25,000 for a memorial building, to be used as an Administration Ruilding for the University of the Inites States, as the national university United States, as the national university It is hoped that this object will so ap-

higher education that your influence may be freely accorded to its support, and that you will devote a programme in the early winter to the subject of such a university. "Will you join in thus making ready

for a fitting celebration of February 22, 1888, that it may be the "Offering Day" of the Nation when the selections from Washington's will may be read and a fund secured toward its realization in the George Washington Memorial? Thus we may prepare for a suitable com-memoration of the one hundredth anniersary of his death on December 1.

'On December 14-16th of this year a meeting is called in Washington, D. C. to discuss plans for this work. You are most cordially invited to send accredited delegates to take part in the delibera-

This ends the circular. Mrs. James This ends the circular. Airs. James Lyons, constituting the committee atlarge for Virginia, will appoint her delegates within the next week. The head-quarters of the committee will be at the Raleigh, Pennsylvania avenue, Washington, D. C. The ladies will be met by a committee from the Senate, who will es-cort them, through the various Govern-ment Departments, and on the evening of the 16th, there will be a grand ban-

Among the ladles prominently identi-Among the fadles prominently identified with the movement are Miss Ellen A. Richardson, Copley Square, Boston; Mrs. Phoebe A. Hearst, of California; Mrs. William T. Carter, of Pennsylvania; Mrs. William Reed, of Maryland; Mrs. Alice B. Castleman, of Louisville, Ky.: Mrs. A. M. Fosdick, of Alabama; and Mrs. M. K. McNeil, of South Carolina, and Mrs. Van Leer Kirkman, of Ten. nd Mrs. Van Leer Kirkman, of Ten-

Among the organizations interested are the National Council of Women, Mrs. Mary Lowe Dickinson, president; Wo-men's Christian Temperance Union, Mrs. Frances Willard, president; the General Frances Willard, president; the General Federation of Women's Clubs, Mrs. El-len M. Henrotin, president; Daughters American Revolution, Mrs. Ellen Hard-in Walworth, chairman; Columbian Daughters of America, Mrs. John Quincy Adams, president; King's Daughters, Mrs. Margaret Bottome, president. With the circular letter is also enclosed an outline of the memorial presented to the United States Senate by John W. Hoyt, setting forth the purpose and need of a National University, and a printed exa National University, and a printed extract from the proceedings of the thirty-fifth University Convocation, including a paper by Mrs. Gage entitled "The Need of a National University in its Relation to the Common Schools." Already keen interest has been awakened in the movement for the reason that women will be admitted to the University.

Mrs. Ellen A. Richardson, of Boston,

who is the organizer of the movement,

"The patriotic ladies of America are "The patriotic ladies of America are to build the administration building, and they propose that there be made on the 22d of February, 1898, the nation's first offering for this purpose, asking no large contributions, begging nothing, America's 70,000,000 people must build this great monument. If the 13,000,000 children in the public schools of America would give a penny each on Washington's birthday, they would contribute a sum sufficient to erect the building and endow it. Let us then join hands and have an American university, American science, and American university, American science, and American

us then join hands and have an American university, American science, and American ideas for American citizens."

Mrs. Richardson further stated that she had arranged with the proper authorities that the Bureau of Engraving and Printing shall produce certificates which will be given to those who contribute to the movement.

Mrs. Richmond Maury, of Danville, Va. is the guest of Mrs. B. G. Maury, 203 east Grace street.

Miss Mary Macgill Drewry, of "Min eola," is the guest of Mrs. Egard R. Laf-ferty, 405 east Franklin street.

The news that on Thursday evening for the season will be halled with genuine pleasure in society circles, the Tuesday germans having become an important and popular part of the winter's life. The membership will, it is said, be restricted to fifty, and special effort will be made to place this year's series of dances high in the record of elegant entertainments. They will not, as heretofore, be given at the Masonic Temple, but at the Jefferson. The gallant gentiemen of the Tuesday will be kept busy this coming week receiving congratulations upon their decision to reorganize. The first german of the season will probably take place early in December. . . .

The visit of the University and North The visit of the University and North Carolina teams at the Thanksgiving season will set the balls rolling in various directions. On Thanksgiving night a german in honor of the young entiemen from the University, will be given at the Masonic Temple, the honor of planning and carrying out this courtesy belonging to Misses Mary and Lily Hill, Anne Lee, Emcie Pegram, and Evelyn Gordon. The visiting teams will be invited to attend as separate bodies, as well as the University German Club. The young ladles—all of whom are delightfully popular in society circles, held a meeting Friday morning, at which the decision to give the german was finally reached. give the german was finally reached.

been the leading diversion of the past week. However, let the debutantes take courage. Every dull November in the local fashionable world since the era of the first social records has been followed by a December so gay and a January so rampantly bent on pleasure that Novem-ber may be cheerfully excused. As a matter of fact, the wedding record of last week was an exceptional one. On Wed-nesday there were two weddings—those of Miss Lefroy and Mr. Caperton, and of Miss Elizabeth Lines Cannon and Mr. Samuel Milner Price.

The social season is so exceedingly back-

Samuel Milner Price.

With regard to the former couple, their numerous friends will hall with genuine pleasure the news that their future home will be Richmond—not Charlotte, N. C., as was at first thought. Upon their return from their wedding trip they will be turn from their wedding trip they will be guests of Major Robert Stiles for some works, then making their permanen

plans.
On Tuesday the wedding of Miss Louise Fontaine Meade and Mr. Clarence Percival Cadot was the principal thing upon the social programme of the day.

The local world had a genuine surprise in the announcement in The Times of the engagement of Miss Bessie Martin, of Richmond, and Mr. Irving Brokaw, of New York, for the reason that outside of her immediate family circle it has not been even suspected. She has, since the day of her debut, been exceedingly prominent in the best social life of the city, is a daughter of Mrs. Walter K. Martin, and a first cousin of Princess Troubelskoi and a first cousin of Princess Troubetskoi and Mrs. Alian Potts. She is an exceed-ingly handsome girl and has always been in demand for prominent roles in local mateur entertainments. In the Kermess given under the auspices of the Asso-ciation for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities she will be charmingly remem-

Mr. Brokaw was graduated from Prince ton, class of 1895, and will be remember-ed by his fellow-students as one of its ed by his fellow-students as one of its most famous athletes. He is a member of all the leading New York clubs and as popular in the fashionable life of that city as is his fiances in those of Richmond. Congratulations of a hearty kind are certainly in order.

Ars. Edmund Harrison and Mrs. Chas. H. Chalkley are guests of Mrs. Howard D. Hoge, who, on Tuesday afternoon, introduced the season of the popular informal "at home" with one at her residence which was entirely delightful. It is conceded, of course, so to speak, that the most important thing in connection with the success of these afairs is the personality of the hostess, her ability to diffuse welcome through the parlors like an aroma personal. Mrs. Hoge has discovered the essence of true cordiality, for every one of her guests came from her hospitable house with a sense of welcome. The house was prettily decorated, the mantels being banked with ferns, while the table decorations were of pink chrysanthemums. Mrs. Hoge was assisted in receiving by Mrs. D. Rucker, Mrs. W. C. Bentley, Mrs. D. Rucker, of pair curysanthemums. Mrs. B. Rucker, assisted in receiving by Mrs. D. Rucker, Mrs. W. C. Bentley, Mrs. J. Allison Hodges, Mrs. William T. Robins, Misses Eleanor Bosher, Ella Jackson, Marian Robins, Pollard, Judith Deane and Rachel Cooke, Punch was served by Mrs. Adolphus Blair.

Among those who called were Mrs. E. C. Minor, Mrs. Austin Brockenbrough, Mrs. W. M. Tallaferro, Mrs. J. P. Dashiell, Mrs. Landonia Dashiell, Mrs. William Oppenhimer, Mrs. Donnan, of Petersburg: Mrs. Ben. Purcell. Mrs. J. A. White, Mrs. Charles Todd. Misses Mabel, Todd. Hallie Cooke, Maria Mosciey, Lizzie Weddell. Logan, Mary Rogers. Mary Lyons Mayo, Annie Mayo, Roberta Miner, Della Tompkins, Smith, of Norfolk, Lälly and Daisy Wilson, Mattie Purcell, Louise Waldour, Mrs. H. A. Claiborne, Mrs. James Lyons, Mrs. Russell Robinson, Mrs. J. W. Harrison, Mrs. F. H. Deane, Mrs. Percy Montague, Mrs. H. W. Hazzard, Mrs. C. A. Blanton, Mrs. H. A. Williams, Kellogz, Lewis D. Aylett, Munford, W. A. Jones, Hotchkiss, Henry Gibson, Misses Randolph, Coleman, Cooke, Moore, Tompkins, Mertill, Barksdale, Townes, Moseley, Chamberlayne, Nowin, Among those who called were Mrs. E. son, Misses Tompkins, Merrill, Barksdale, Moore, Tompkins, Merrill, Barksdale, Townes, Moseley, Chamberlayne, Nowiin, Minor, Weddell, Carlton Jackson, W. A. Moncure, V. T. Reid, J. Scott Parrish, Congress W.

Miss Louise Wasdour, of Hanover, is the guest of Miss Roberta Minor, 607 north Tenth street.

Miss Gay Robb is visiting Miss Harriet

Miss Erma Norris hume, an exceed-ingly charming girl, who is much admired in the fashionable society of her home. Washington, D. C., will next week visit Miss Lizzie Boyd.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dana Gibson's presence here is always the signal for private entertainment in the circle of their friends, and one of the most ele-gant of last week's fashionable diversions was the tea given Tuesday after-noon, in joint honor of those popular vis-itors and Mr. Anthony Hope Hawkins, the well-known novelist. After the tea the ladies of the receiving party and a number of gentlemen became guests of Mr. and Mrs. Boiling at an elaborate supper. Still later, after Mr. Hawkins' lecture, Mr. and Mrs. Gibson entertain-ed a small party of friends in that gen-tleman's honor. For the reception of theman's honor. For the reception of her guests Mrs. Bolling had made beautiful preparation. There were flowers everywhere; light, warmth, and welcome of so cordial a kind that there was not the slightest excuse for dissatisfaction. Along the hall paims were ranged and here too were flowers, both cut and here, too, were flowers, both cut and growing. Throughout the hours for the tea (5 to 7) there was a continual stream

tea (5 to 7) there was a continual stream of callers, representing very nearly the entire fashionable set.

Mrs. George W. Stevens was present with the harp of which she is so completely mistress, and Mrs. Gibson sang to her accompaniment, after a happy little introduction by Mr. Rosewell Page. "Ben Bolt." She looked most lovely and sang as charmingly as ever. Miss Bessie Pace sang "Juanita" and a number of negro songs which created a great deal of merriment and were heartly enjoyed. The ladies receiving were: oyed. The ladies receiving were: Mrs. Thomas Bolling, who wore pink

ilk and chiffon. Mrs. John Enders, black silk. Mrs. William L. Royall, pink silk. Mrs. Charles Dana Gibson, green silk,

Mrs. Moses D. Hoge, white mull, vio-

Mrs. Charles Bolling, pink mull.

Mrs. Csterloh, black silk.
Miss Kate Harris, white silk.
Miss Anne Tennant, white strendine,
Mrs. Moncure Perkins, black silk.
Misses Bessie Pace, Julia Morton, Sue
Skipwith, and Susie Morris. The toilettes
of all were much admired.

Among the hundreds who called were:
Mrs. Caskie Cabell, Miss Lucle Wormsley,
Mrs. C. D. Langhorne, Mrs. Alfred T.
Harris, Mrs. R. C. Morton, Mrs. P.
Lighttoot Wormeley, Mrs. L. L. Lawis,
Mrs. E. C. Minor, Mrs. Gray Skipwith,
Mrs. Lefroy, Mrs. Meredith Montague,
Miss Mary Saunders, Mrs. George Warren, Misses Emcle Pegram, Mary and Annie Mayo, Marion Bobins, Hattie Ross, cen, Misses Emcie Pegiani, Mary and An-ie Mayo, Marion Robins, Hattie Ross, Nellie Parker, Lily Urqubardt, Mary and Hill, Annie and Leita Gray, the Misses Cooke, Mabel Todd, Gabriella Page, Mrs. James D. Patton, Mrs. Allen Allen Donnan, Miss Lutie Pieusants, the Misses Moore, Mrs. Preston Cocke, Miss Ella Cocke, Mrs. William D. Thomas, Miss Mary M. Lyons, Mrs. F. D. Williams, Misses Berta Wellford, Maggie Stringfellow, Mrs. Charles Davenport, Mrs. Sprague, and Miss Wallace, of San Francisco, Miss Rhea Watkins, Mrs. George Hen Johnston, Miss Mary Williams, Messrs, Grant, Hollidny, Campbell, Fermers, James Lyons, Mrs. Edward Mayo, Mrs. John Dunley, Mrs. Edward Mayo, Mrs. James Allison, Bessle and Carolyn Martin, the Misses Notting, Lou Adlins, Mende Burwell, Lena and Louise Mayo and Mrs. Jornathan Bryan.

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Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dana Gibson's nests were entertained at the residence f Mr. and Mrs. Moncare Perkins, Mr. anthony Hope Hawkins, as stated, being the honoree. The pariors were brilliantly there was the final charm of warm we there was the final charm of warm welcome. Those present were are and
Mrs. Thomas Boiling. Mr. and Mrs.
Charles Boiling, Mr. and Mrs. E. V.
Valentine, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Donnan,
Mrs. J. D. Patton, Misses Lucie Wormeley, Annie Tennant, Kate Harris, None
and Lelia Myers, Mary Cameron, Berta
Wellford, Bruce Williams, Mr. and Mrs.
E. D. Williams, Rev. Dr. Hartley Carmitchael; Messrs, Rosewell Page,
Legh Page, Charles U. Williams, Frank
Davenport, Allan Potts, Ed. Scott, Craven
and Carter Branch. d Carter Branch.

ladies of the party were all beauully gowned Mrs. Gibson, white satin and real lace.

Mrs. Perkins, plak silk and white lace, Mrs. Valentine, black silk.

Mrs. William L. Royall, black silk. Miss Lucy Wormeley, white silk, vio-

Mrs. Charles Bolling, black satin. Mrs. Williams, black silk. Miss Bruce Williams, pink satin. Miss Mary Cameron, black satin. Miss Berta Wellford, pink silk. Miss Annie Tennant, white silk Miss Bessle Pace, brocaded satin. The Misses Myers, Mack satin. Miss Kate Harris, white silk.

The Junior Cotillion anticipates a par-The Junior Cotillion anticipates a particularly delightful state of affairs on Thanksgiving night, when, in honor of the visiting University mea, the favors will be orange and blue—the University colors. There need be no conflict whatever between the cotillion and the german. The latter was not decided upon until after a conference with Miss Robins, in which the young ladies, who will give the German, assured her of their earnest wish not to interfere in any way with the cotillion. The meeting of the latter Friday night was as much enjoyed and as largely attended as ever.

Misses-Katherine Montague and Evelyn

Misses Katherine Montague and Evelyn Gordon extend an invitation to their friends to spend "an evening with pictures and variations next Tuesday (5 to 7 in the interests of the Virginia Hospital, Those young ladies have planned a variety of pleasure for their friends. Misses Bessle Pace, Lily Urquhardt, and Irma Bass will Pace, Lily Urquhardt, and Irma Bass will sing, and the charming hostesses will be assisted in receiving by Misses Mary Saunders, Annie Pender Gordon, Virginia McLeod, Kathleen Taylor, Mary Lyons Mayo, and Judith Deane. The pictures will be reproductions of those of C. D. Gibson, Thulstrap, and other popular lilustrators, Decorated bon-bon boxes filled with candles will be on sale. Owing to the large number of ladies on the board, invitations could not be sent to all, but all are cordially invited to be present. The following is the invitation sent out: From 5 until 7 on the 23rd of November, Is a date that we hope you will surely Is a date that we hope you will surely

remember; We'll have pictures and music, punch, bon'bons, and cake.

And all for a quarter-for charity's sake:
And now with the hope that your heart
you'll not burden.

We beg to remain.
Faithful.

We beg to remain.
Faithfully,
MONTAGUE GORDON.

The Ladies' Matince Musicale met on The Ladles' Matinee Musicale met on Priday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. Meloney, 12t Park avenue, when the programme was a beautiful one and finely executed. The opening paper "Gounod" was written and read by Mrs. C. W. P. Brock and was a charming one. The remaining programme was as follows: Danses des Bacchantes, Gounod, Misses Schoen and Carrington.

Siebel's Song (Faust) Gounod, Miss

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(a) Prelude (C Minor), Gounod; (b)
Waltz (Faust) Lizst-Gounod, Miss Minor.
"The Valley," Gounod, Mrs. Meloney,
(a) Les Pifferrari, Gounod; (b) Nocturne
(in D Flat), Karganoff, Miss Carrington.

To Spring, Gouned, Miss Lawson, "A Dream," Bartlett, Miss Bass.

The younger society set was largely represented at the delightful tea given Thursday afternoon by Miss Anne Lee in hanor of her cousin and guest. Miss Dorothea Lee. The parlors were prettily decorated and lighted with shaded lamps and candelabra, those receiving being Mrs. Lee, Misses Annie and Dorothea Lee, and Misses Leitita McMullen. being Mrs. Lee, Misses Annie and Doro-thea Lee, and Misses Letitia McMullen. Those assisting in the dining room were Mrs. Percy Montague, Misses Harriet Field Lightfoot, Jennings, Sue Wellford, Coralie Johnston and others, Among those who called during the af-ternoon were Misses Ella Cocke, Rachel Cooke, Sue Morris, the Misses Notling, Marian Robins, the Misses Filerson

Marian Robins, the Misses Ellerson. Rebe Glasgow, Carrie Coleman, Anne and Ellen Lee and others.

The Emma H. Andrews and Milton C. Work Whist Clubs both had pleasant meetings last week—the first on Wednesday at 11, at Mrs. Keith's; the second on Friday, at Mrs. Walter K. Martin's.

Miss Emily Stearns, of Culpeper, Va., is the guest of Miss Roxie Wilkinson, of Church Hill.

Miss Louise Prosser, of Church Hill, has returned from a delightful trip to Peters-burg. . . .

Miss Carrie Minor, sister of Judge E C. Minor, is spending the winter in Florida.

Miss Ella Byrd, daughter of Colonei Wil-ilam Byrd, of Baltimore, who has been visiting her cousin, Miss Lucy Atkinson, returned to her home last week. Mrs. Franklin Stearns, of Culpeper, Va., will visit Richmond next week. Her many friends will be glad to welcome her to her old home.

Miss Elizabeth Tabb, of Baltimore, is th guest of her cousin, Mrs. Cabell Tabb, of west Grace street. Miles Tabb visited Richmond at this time in order to be present at the James-Ellerson wedding, when she will act as bridesmaid.

Miss Amy Bay, of St. Louis, Mo., will spend this winter with her aunt, Mrs. Decature Axtell. Miss Bay is a daughter of Mr. Joseph Lovell Bay, of St. Louis and granddaughter of the late Judgs Samuel Mansfield Bay, of Missouri, She is a sister of Miss Lillian Bay, delightfully remembered here. Both her nieces were with Mrs. Axtell at Hot Springs lost er, and made brilliant golf re at that resort. Both are charming girls.

Mrs. Russell Robinson is the guest of Mrs. Adair Pleasants.

Miss Betty Burwell Booker has, so it is said, been urged by friends in Washington, to give a recital in that city.

Her exquisite voice, with its nightingale-like purity, cannot fail to please, and the honors promised for the sweet singer in her chosen career are already being reap

The Art Club held its usual monthly The Art Club held its usual monthly reception Thursday night, Mr. W. G. Standard, Miss Adele Williams, Mrs. William C. Bentley and Mrs. E. V. Valentine constituting the genial committee in charge. There was a delightful programme, of which a prominent feature was Miss Adele Williams' paper on 'Holland.'

The annul meeting of the Society of "Colonial Danies of America, in the State of Virginia," was held Thursday afternoon at 4:20 o'clock in the Virginia Historical Society's rooms. For more than two hours, the ladies were buss electing officers for the coming year and transacting other important business Mrs. Russell Robinson presiding. The attendance was exceptionally large, those present being Mrs. Matt. Pleasants. Mrs. Adair Pleasants. Mrs. William D. Thomas. Mrs. Philip A. Bruce, Mrs. James Lyons, Mrs. Matthew Bland Har-rison, Mrs. W. W. Henry, Mrs. Peter Mayo, Mrs. Thomas Nelson Carrier, Mrs. James Dooley, Mrs. D. H. Rucker, Mrs. I. N. Jones, Chalkley, William L. Royall, Charles O'B. Cownedin, Robert Rennelds, Wisses Lutte and Virginia Becomme Mrs.

Charles O'B. Cowardin, Robert Rennelds, Misses Lutie and Virginia Pleasants, Mrs. Reginald Githam, Mrs. Moneure Perkins, Mrs. Thomas L. Alfriend, Mrs. William T. Robins, Mrs. John Lottler, Mrs. William T. Robins, Mrs. John Lottler, Mrs. Lucy Carter Trent, and Miss Ellen Wade.

Mrs. Russell Robinson having declined re-election, on the ground that long terms of office were not for the best interests of the society, Mrs. Herbert Claiborne was manimously elected president for the ensuing year, and Mrs. Cynthia B. T. Coleman, of Williamsberg, and Mrs. Matt Pleasants, first and second vice-president. The treuty-elected members of the board are Mrs. Howard Hoge, Mrs. Mers. dent. The newly-elected members of the board are Mrs. Howard Hoge, Mrs. Mere. dith Montague, Mrs. John Addison, and Mrs. Gideon Dayenport. Mrs. James Lyons and Mrs. Russell Robinson, as founders of the society, were elected honorary vice-presidents. It was unanimously resolved to request the National Society, at the next meeting of the National Council, to give Virginia representation on the National Board, and to present the name of Mrs. Russell Robinson in that connection. A meeting of the board was to have been held after the general meeting, but the long session preventing that, the board will meet at noon on Saturday, at board will meet at noon on Saturday, at the rooms of the Historical Society.

A detailed report of the annual meet-ing of the Virginia Needlework Guild ap-peared in The Times of Friday.

The first musical of the season took place at the Woman's Club. There were crowded parlors and a crowded hall, a number of non-residents being present. Among those were Mrs. R. K. Cautley, Miss Chloe Sams, and Miss Julie Thompson, of Baltimore: Mrs. Russell Robinson, and Mrs. Gertrude Massie, of the University. There were also present as guests of the Chairman, Mrs. W. S. Simons, Mrs. Fleasanta, Miss Swassey, Mrs. Chiswell D. Langhorne, Mrs. I. H. Carrington, Miss Mary Baughman, Mrs. Malvern C. Patterson, and Mrs. E. V. Williams, It is a pleasant thing to have so firm a hold on hearts as has Mrs. Charles Dana Gibson. It had been announced that she would sing and as she entered the parlor and took her seat, there was a general welcome of smiles and nods from the rear chairs. She is as lovely and as unspoiled as ever, which is the highest praise here among her old friends. Mrs. Stevens come of smiles and nods from the rear chairs. She is as lovely and as unspoiled as ever, which is the highest praise here among her old friends. Mrs. Stevens large harp monopolized the rostrum and suggested the delightful things in store when her skilled fingers should awaken latent melody. Mrs. E. A. Warren, in the absence of Mrs. T. William Pemberton, read the opening essay, written for the Ladles' Matinee Musicale by Dr. Russel Pemberton, of Chestaut Hill, Philadelphia, and entitled "Woman As An Interpreter of Music." Some weeks ago its interesting contents were outlined in this column so that reference will serve to recall it. Mrs. Warren's reading of the paper was charming.

Then came the musical programme, a memorably delightful one. The ladies of the committee feel most indebted to Miss Mary Coles Carrington, for consenting, in response to a request at the literal eleventh hour, to lend her talent to the evening. They cannot sufficiently express their cordial appreciation, The programme was as follows:

Plano—"Nocturne," Karganoff, Mrs. M. C. Carrington.

Song. "Still in the Night," Bohm, Mrs.

left no doubt of their audience's deterleft no doubt of their audience's deter-mination to have either a repetition or a substitute. Mr. Hoen's reputation as a fine cellist is thoroughly established, while Mrs. Stevens with her harp, and Miss Louise Williams at the piano are also known to have wonderful power to evoke harmony. Altogether the first mu-sicale of the year set a high standard for the coming series.

To-morrow afternoon at half past 4 o'clock Mrs. Richard Kingman Cautley, now of Baltimore, will give a popular talk before the club on "Souvenirs of Travel" which will be followed by an informal reception. Mrs. Cautley is now visiting her brother, Mr. J. R. V. Daniel north Sixth street. visiting her brother north Sixth street.

Mrs. Caskie Cabell presented a charming sumcary of current topics to her two classes last week. Her personal class will meet at room Wednesday, in the class room of the Woman's Club.

An entertainment to be known as "The Reformation of John Knox" will be pre-sented here this winter in behalf of a local charity. The Lunch Committee of the Weman's

Christian Adsociation announces that they will be exceedingly glad to furnish nuncheon or dinner to business men who may be in the vicinity of their dining room at their lunch or dinner hour.

On Monday night, December 13, Rev. Sam. Jones will address in the Grace-Street Tabernacle, a lecture on "The Battle of Life and How to Win It," for the benefit of the Richmond Mais Orphan Asylum. Admission will be 25 cents, re-served sents, 50 cents.

Miss Gulie Harrison, of Brandon, is the of Miss Alice Archer, west Grace Miss Beck Donthat, who has been vis-

iting friends in Richmond, has returned to her home, "Weyanoke," on James

Miss Annabelle Jenkins leaves shortly for New York and New Jersey, where for New she will visit friends.

Miss Nellie Little, of Norfolk, Va., will be the guest of Mrs. William T. Boome, Is west Grace street, this week,

Miss Mary Deane Scott returned to Miss Mary Deane Scott returned Richmond yesterday from a delightful visit to Mrs. J. R. Clark, of Lynchburg. She is now the guest of her sister, Mrs. W. F. Chalmers, 229 north Sixth street.

Mr. Joseph Stebbins, Jr., of South Boson, Va., was in the city yesterday.

SCHOOL BOARD TO MEET. The Question of the Money Famine to be

The Question of the Money Famine to be Discussed To-Morrow.

Superintendent Fox, of the public schools, said yesterday morning that the effect of the fefusal of the Council to make an appropriation of \$8.600 taust inevitably result in the schools closing on December 12th.

"A regular meeting of the School Board will be held on Monday," said Mr. Fox "and I then expect to receive instructions what course to pursue. Of court, there is nothing left for us to do but to close down when the money gives out."

lays. The teachers yesterday were much cast down by the result. As has been stated, the average pay for their arduous labors is about \$40 a month for nine months in the year. A number of them are the main support of large families, who will this year be deprived not only of the good things of Christmas, but in some cases of the necessities of life.

Notes From Barton Heights,

Mr. Lucian Ryland is attending the Horse Show in New York. Mr. Herbert Goodloe was reported as

Mrs. Henry Stockmar who has been dek during the past week is greatly improved.

Mr. Jno. Davis of Westmoreland Co.,

Mr. S. Boyce Brady has returned from Norfolk and will reside on the Heights s formerly. Mrs. H. L. Lorraine left Friday as

delegate to the Bapiist Convention, which will be held at Roanoke. Miss Mamie Freear who has been confined to her home by a severe disloca-tion of her ankle is able to be out again. Miss Fannie Crumpler, who has been visiting the Misses Freear of Lamb ave-nie, returned to her home in Suffolk Wednesday.

The Rallway Company put a force of hands to work Monday repairing the

Mayor Starritt was before the Rich-mond Light Committee this week with a view of getting the electric light on the Richmond side placed so as to light the

The seniors gave a delightful german to their lady friends at "Battery Vlow" Friday night. Mr. Jeter Jones, of Richmond, lead in his usual graceful and skillful style, introducing a number of pretty and unique figures.

The Chess Club met at the residence.

and unique figures.

The Chess Club met at the residence
of Mr. F. O. Robinson, on Thursday
evening. Though the attendance was
small an enjoyable evening was passed.
Mr. W. P. Chrisman again carrying off

News From Henrico.

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The school teachers of Varina District,
Henrico county, received their salaries
for the past month at the County Courthouse yesterday morning.
The case of Eddie Watkins, colored,
who is charged with assaulting Mildred
White, was being tried in the Henrico
County Court-house before Judge Wickham and a jury yesterday.
The taking of the evidence was not yet
completed last night.
The case of W. F. Wickham, trustee
for John Wickham, against Robert Senf,
to recover damages for alleged breach of
contract to convey land, was concluded
in the Henrico Circuit Court with
a verdict of one cent damages Motion
to set asside the verdict has not yet been
passed upon.

The school teachers of Henrico county met at the couri-house yesterday and formed an organization for the purpose of social intercourse and the discussion of

Buried Here.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anton Shatzel, formerly of this city, was brought here yesterday morning at 8:20 o'clock and interred in Hollywood. The child died in Evansville, Ind.

Mr. Shatzel is well-known here as having been the physical instuctor at the Y. M. C. A. Gymnasium.

Complete Resumption of Schedules and Through Car Service by Southern Rail-

way and Connections.

The Southern railway, in connection with the Atlanta and West Point railroad, Western Railway of Alabama, and Louis-ville and Nashvile railroad, wishes to an-nounce that effective to-day all train service and through car lines have been Piano—"Noctorne," Karganoff, Mrs.
M. C. Carrington.
Song—"Still in the Night," Bohm, Mrs.
Charles Dana Gibson.
Harp and Piano—"Legende," Thorne,
Mrs. Stevens and Miss Williams.
Piano—"Selectea," Miss Carrington.
Song—"Spring Song," Mrs. Gibson.
Trio—"Largo," Handel, Mrs. Stevens,
Miss Williams and Mr. E. A. Hoen.
Responding to encores which persistently declined to take "no" for an answer, Mrs. Gibson also sang "I can not help loving thee," and repeated the final stanza of the "Spring Song," Miss Carrington, was also spiritedly encored, and in the final number Mrs. George W. Stevens, Miss Louise Williams and Mr. E.
A. Hoen were also given applause which

COKE MAKING IN WISE.

LARGE NUMBER OVENS ERECTED BY THE VA. COAL AND IRON CO.

The Splendid County Court House Draw ing Near Completion-Brilliant Church

Wedding in Abingdon-BRISTOL, VA., Nov. 20 .- Special .- The one hundred and titty coke ovens, the co Stonego, Va., are nearing completion When these are ready to go in blast they will complete the five hundred ovens

which the Virginia Coal and Iron Company proposed at the outset to build. The demand for coke is such that the company is likely to build still more ovens in Wise county.

NEW COURT-HOUSE.

The new court-house at Wise, Va., being built at a cost of \$10,000, is nearing completion. The first story of this building is of native shudstone, and the second story is of represed brick, with granite

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BRILLIANT MARRIAGE.

The marriage of Miss Virginia Pinkney Summers, daughters of Col. John C. Summers, of Abingdon, to Mr. Geo. T. Mitchell, of Mississippi, was celebrated in the First Presbyterian church, at Abingdon, on Wednesday of this week. The nuptlals were among the most brilliant in the history of Washington county.

The church was elaborately decorated, and was thronged with guests, including friends of the couple from various Southern States. The ceremony was performed by the pastor of the church, Kev. T. A. Wharton. The wedding march was played by Miss Kleiber, late of Germany. Miss Egardisworth, of London, England, sang a solo. An elegant reception at the Hotel Belmont followed the ceremonies at the church. The bridal couple left on the following day for the groom's home, at following day for the groom's home, at Pontotos, Miss. The bride is a young woman of many

accomplishments, and is possessed of many charms. The groom is a young business man.

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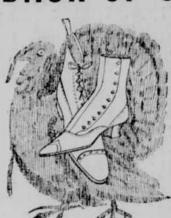
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